

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 225 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
February 3, 2003**

Members Present: Sen. Carlene Walker, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Curtis Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Members Absent: President Mansell
Rep. Greg J. Curtis

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Cherri White, Committee Secretary

Visitors List: Visitors List available at House of Representatives

Representative Allen called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. and asked that Dr. Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, proceed with the Analyst's recommendations for the budgets of the State Library, Indian Affairs, and Supplemental requests. Dr. Wilko indicated that within the budget for the State Library the programs served are Administration, Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library Development, and Information Services. Dr. Wilko also reminded the committee that as part of the appropriations process the committee would need to adopt the fee schedule for the State Library for them to continue to collect fines, fees for lost materials. The Division of Indian Affairs assists the various Bands of Indians within the state.

Amy Owen, State Library Director, addressed the committee regarding the issues of the State Library (see handouts on file). Director Owen indicated that the cuts taken by the State Library have totaled just over \$1 million, and amount to approximately an 11% cut. This has resulted in a reduction in about 25% in grant funding for libraries within the state. In addition, the reductions have impacted some of the services the State Library offers. This office has tried to implement the cuts through reductions in purchasing, as much as has been possible. Director Owen also indicated that the State Library is requesting authorization to spend dedicated credits.

Representative Mascaro asked Director Owen questions regarding the function of the State Library in connection with County and City libraries.

Forrest Cuch, Director, Indian Affairs, addressed the committee regarding the function, mission and role of the Division of Indian Affairs through the use of a PowerPoint slide show and materials presented to the committee (copy on file). Cary Woel, Assistant, Indian Affairs, addressed the committee regarding I.T. workforces on Reservations, and Custom Fit training and its impact on training of workforces on the Reservations. Director Cuch also indicated that the Division was requesting a supplemental of \$99,400 in Federal Funds.

Representative Wayne Harper requested and addition of \$150,000 of on-going funds for the Office of Museum Services Grant Program.

Representative Chad Bennion, requested funding of \$145,000 for the Utah Heritage Foundation for H.B. 193, as Income Tax Credits, for the Main Street Grant project (see handouts on file).

A supplemental of \$100,000 for the Industrial Assistance Fund for FY 2003 to pay for expenditures already incurred was requested.

Co-Chair Walker indicated to the committee that additional cuts of 2% were to be made and recommended by the subcommittee to Executive Appropriations in the afternoon, Friday, February 7. She requested information regarding the projected economic impact to Utah because of the Columbia Space Shuttle disaster. Additionally, Sen. Walker requested that no additional cuts come from Emergency Food Network, Homeless Community, Olene Walker Housing Trust Fund, and the Homeless Trust Fund. It was also suggested that the subcommittee consider if the Sports Commission was a worthy project to keep funding at its current rate in light of the fact that the projected revenue it should generate has not been realized. Funding for the zoo's also needs to be evaluated, and the State Fair is expected to have expenditures exceed income by \$357,000 and should be evaluated.

MOTION: Senator Bramble moved that the subcommittee look at cuts totaling \$1 million so that there is a cushion in case additional cuts are necessary.

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MOTION: Representative Allen moved that two lists be created, and "A" list that reaches the target cuts of 2%, and a "B" list that would target the higher \$1 million goal. The motion passed unanimously with Senator Davis absent for the vote.

Senator Walker also requested that the subcommittee hold harmless the Manufacturers Extension Program.

MOTION: Senator Bramble moved to approve the minutes of January 24, and 27, 2003. The motion passed unanimously with Senator Davis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative Moss moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.